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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Citizen Petition to Amend the Peanut Spread Regulation (21 CFR 102.23)


Dear Sir or Madam;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Peanut Council, I am writing with regard to the referenced petition submitted by The Procter & Gamble Company, Bestfoods and Hunt—Wesson Inc. on March 1, 1999.

The American Peanut Council represents all segments of the US peanut industry – growers, shellers, manufacturers and allied suppliers of goods and services to the industry. The Council's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to support the referenced petition and to urge the Food and Drug Administration to make the requested amendments to the peanut spread regulation, removing the requirements for added vitamins and minerals, and added protein.

We believe the requested amendments will allow more flexibility in developing and marketing peanut spread products. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jeannette Anderson
President

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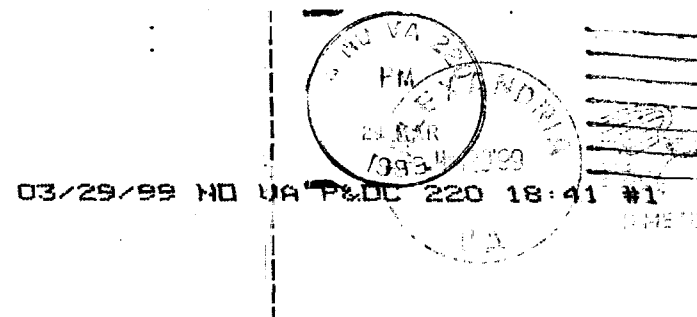
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